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SUBJECT: DRUG PRICES AND POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TRAFFIC PATTERN

DEA HQS PASS BELK/IND FROM DICK

1. DEA OFFICE IN HONG KONG REPORTS THAT ALL NARCOTICS CONTINUE TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN HONG KONG. THIS IS CONFIRMED BY BOTH DEA AND HONG KONG NARCOTIC BUREAU SOURCES.

2. HKNB ADVISES THAT #4 HEROIN IS VIRTUALLY UNOBTAINABLE AT HONG KONG AT THIS TIME. RECENT HKNB ATTEMPTS AT INTELLIGENCE BUYS OF #4 HEROIN HAVE ALL MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

3. HKNB REPORTS MORPHINE BASE CONTINUES TO MOVE INTO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLONY, PRIMARILY VIA COURIERS ABOARD COMMERCIAL AIRLINES.

NO. 3 HEROIN IS AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, PRICE CONTINUES TO INCREASE.

4. OPIUM PRICES ARE FLUCTUATING DAILY. HKNB DOES NOT BELIEVE TRAWLER LOTS OF NARCOTICS ARE CURRENTLY COMING IN FROM THAILAND. HKNB INTELLIGENCE INDICATES SMALLER LOTS OF UP TO 500 POUNDS OF OPIUM ARE NOW BEING BROUGHT INTO THE COLONY FROM SAIGON AND/OR SINGAPORE.

5. DEA SAIGON REPORTS SMOKING OR PREPARED OPIUM IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY IN SAIGON AND PRICE PER KILO HAVE RECENTLY ADVANCED FROM \$600.00 U.S. TO \$2,000 U.S. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY BOTH DEA SAIGON AND VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTIC BUREAU. NEITHER DEA SAIGON NOR VIETNAM POLICE NARCOTIC BUREAU HAVE ANY INTELLIGENCE INDICATING TRANSSHIPMENT OF NARCOTICS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM TO HONG KONG. NO. 4 HEROIN REMAINS READILY AVAILABLE IN SAIGON AND PRICE IS STABLE AT \$1,400 U.S. PER 350 GRAM UNIT. MORPHINE BASE AND #3 HEROIN ARE NOT FREQUENTLY ENCOUNTERED IN SOUTH VIETNAM TRAFFIC.

6. REQUEST DEA SINGAPORE REPLY TO HONG KONG 8664 AND ESTABLISH SINGAPORE POSITION PER QUERY PARA 4. REQUEST DEA SINGAPORE DISTRIBUTE THEIR RESPONSE AS ABOVE. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT BY DEA ONLY.
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